

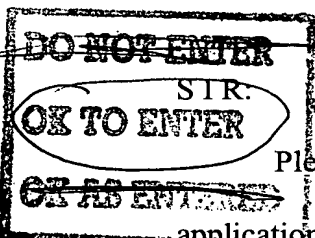
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APPLICANT: Cupp et al. ATTY. DOCKET NO.: P97,2391
SERIAL NO: 09/154,646 GROUP ART UNIT: 1761
FILED: September 17, 1998 EXAMINER: K. Hendricks
INVENTION: "DENTAL CARE PET FOOD"

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL



Please enter the following Amendment After Final in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 24 as follows:

24. (Once Amended) A method of reducing calculus and plaque build up on a cat's teeth, the method comprising administering to the pet a dried kibble which contains an insoluble fiber, has reduced brittleness, a moisture content of less than 10% by weight, and has a length of at least about 6 mm, a thickness of at least about 6 mm, and in which the minimum distance from a center of gravity of the matrix to a surface of the matrix is about 3 mm.

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on October 26, 1999. The Office Action rejects Claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. In response, Independent Claim 24 has been amended. For the foregoing reasons Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections are either not proper or have been overcome.

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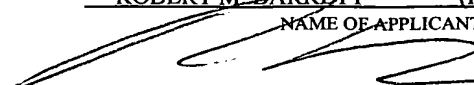
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